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2. CXXVIII Rifle Corps consisting of the 50th Guards Rifle Division and the
12th Guards Mechanized Division. Corps subordinate to the 28th Army. 5th
Tank Army at Bobruisk and Pukovichi.

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3. This district is a very important area and is "over-flowing" with troops:

4. An army would most certainly have at least two
corps and possibly more in wartime; in peacetime, however, a corps headquarters
is rather insignificant. very few corps headquarters
actually exist in peacetime.

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5. An army does not have a T/O; a corps may have, but it is doubtful

6. The 12th Guards Mechanized
Division was organized in late 1945 or early in 1946.

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7.

[redacted] nearly all cavalry divisions have been disbanded except in isolated instances--possibly areas of the Far East and the Caucasus. Border guard units often have some horses.

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8.

No maneuvers were held in the Belorussian Military District [redacted]

[redacted] Maneuvers were always [redacted] "one-sided" with the "enemy" represented by small detachments manning machine guns and firing blank ammunition, for example. "Enemy" detachments often were provided by other divisions when one particular division was on a problem.

9.

10.

[redacted] the Turkestan Military District [redacted]

[redacted] is the same as the Middle Asia Military District with Headquarters in Tashkent.

11.

12.

"Sakhalin Military District" [redacted]

[redacted] This military district includes the Kurile Islands as well. [redacted] there is a Far East Military District, also.

13.

Genmaior Grishchenko's assignment is "Member, Military Council," 1st Guards Mechanized Army. He has no other duty. Each Military Council, at whatever level, has one full-time member who is usually a senior party man and who is responsible, primarily, for the surveillance of the "political health" of the Commander and other members of the headquarters--including the Deputy Commander for Political Affairs.

14.

Genmaior Baranov is Chief of Rear Services, not Deputy Chief, 1st Guards Mechanized Army.

15.

T/O numbers, such as "shtat 10/201," do not designate the T/O of a given type unit. This number is only an administrative control number. Divisions of identical T/O's will have different numbers [redacted]

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16.

In army headquarters, there is a Deputy Commander for Political Affairs as well as a Chief, Political Section. The same applies to corps headquarters

At lower levels, one man occupies, in effect, both positions.

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17.

18.

MVD or MGB divisions are still in existence. the 1st Motorized MVD Division and the 2nd Motorized MVD Division were still stationed in or near Moscow. (Full title "1st Special Motorized Rifle Division of the Internal Troops of the MVD.") these divisions are probably subordinate to the MGB now.

the MGB probably controls frontier troops, government signal troops and certain internal troops.

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The over-all armed forces strength requirements are determined by the General Staff. The requirements are then broken down and requisitions are made upon Military Districts for recruits, on a proportional basis. The military Districts requisition from oblast headquarters and these call upon local military commissariats, which call up individuals previously registered who are liable for service. The local military commissariats examine the men, reject (exempt) the physically unfit and send the fit to oblast headquarters. Here they are assigned to the various branches of the armed forces.

20.

Personnel for the MGB Security Troops must be of known political reliability and social background. These are major considerations for both recruits and officers. Some officers of the Soviet Army, who were demobilized after the war, joined the MGB Security Troops. By 1947-1948 Marshal Bulganin became concerned about the number of officers who were transferring to the MGB, thereby, depleting the Army officer reserve of its best men. An order was issued prohibiting any further transfer of such officers. Special MGB schools for security troops, two of which are located in Moscow and Leningrad, supply young officers.

21.

MGB artillery troops do exist. An artillery battalion is the largest known unit and is adequate in size for the particular duties it performs, e.g., guarding the Kremlin, guarding concentration camps, and providing border protection.

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